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SUBJECT: EXIT VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR KAGNEW MILITARY

1. THE QUESTION OF PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO KAGNEW STATION HAS ARISEN ONCE AGAIN WITH THE CASE OF RMSN BRIAN D. KEMPTON. KEMPTON TRAVELLED ON LEAVE ORDERS TO ADDIS ON THE MAAG FLIGHT OF FEB 15 TO CONNECT WITH THE MAC FLIGHT OF FEB 17. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM ADDIS, THE QUESTION AROSE AS TO WHETHER HE NEEDED AN ETHIOPIAN EXIT VISA TO (A) CLEAR THROUGH ETHIOPIAN IMMIGRATION AT BOLE AIRPORT, AND (B) BOARD THE MAC FLIGHT FOR ATHENS. HE DOES NOT.

2. ARTICLE 14 PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE 1953 AGREEMENT ON "UTILIZATION OF DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS" STATES "PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES FORCES...". THE CONGEN HAS EXPENDED CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT TO COMPEL THE EPMG AUTHORITIES TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO THIS PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT ON KAGNEW STATION. IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS BOTH HERE AND IN ADDIS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED REPEATEDLY OVER THE PAST 20 MONTHS TO ASSURE THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER. BY TREATY AGREEMENT, MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO KAGNEW TRAVEL ON MILITARY TRAVEL ORDERS AND THEIR MILITARY

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IDENTITY CARD ALONE, THUS PLACING THEM IN A TOTALLY UNIQUE CATEGORY AMONG OFFICIAL AMERICANS, INCLUDING OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL, ASSIGNED TO ETHIOPIA.

3. DURING THE PAST YEAR, THIS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED WITHOUT DEMUR BY EPMG IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS IN ASMARA. ON THE RARE OCCASION WHEN MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO KAGNEW TRAVEL THROUGH ADDIS,

THERE ARE QUESTIONS AS TO THIS PROCEDURE. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING
THAT A BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO SOVEREIGN NATIONS APPLIES
EQUALLY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COOPERATION AND
SUPPORT IN CONTENDING WITH EPMG IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS ON THIS
PROCEDURE TO ENSURE THAT US OFFICIALS DO NOT CONCUR IN AN ABROGATION
OF TREATY PROVISIONS.
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